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**Synthesis of Two Theories**

Why do we oppress? Is it a practice that is taught or is it genetics? In “The Dimensions of Disability Oppression,” James Charlton argues that the dominant society empowered over the disabled community is organized and reproduces its instilling thoughts and power constantly; it is a cycle of oppression that keeps spinning unless we make a change at some point. Charlton goes on to discuss this issue in detail explaining his theory, which is in fact is similar to the theory/theories of Simi Linton, that we categorize one another. In "Reassigning Meaning," Simi Linton argues her point on how one group of people places a label on the less dominant group, the disabled, while discussing how certain words reinforce and keep these views powerful. What we say to one another is key to why oppression exists. If we all treat each other in a better light then there would be no such thing as oppression. It really does need to start somewhere.

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